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SUBJ: NARCOTICS PROGRAM -- COMMUNICATIONS PIO/C 5-78151

REFS: (A) STATE 160259, (B) BRASILIA 4216, (C) STATE 171942

1. EMBOFF MET JULY 17 WITH BRAZILIAN FEDERAL POLICE (DPF)
OFFICIALS MAJOR HERY DE LIMA E SILVA, DIRECTOR OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS,
AND FABIO WANDERLEY, DIRECTOR OF DIVISION OF DRUG REPRESSION,
AND TOGETHER RESOLVED OUTSTANDING PROBLEM OF COMMUNICATIONS
EQUIPMENT TRADE-IN (REF-TELS). THESE OFFICIALS, CLAIMING THAT
GOB LAW DOES NOT PERMIT TRADE-IN OF EQUIPMENT IN ITS POSSESSION
HOWEVER OBTAINED, AGREED THAT DPF WOULD PURCHASE IN BRAZIL
THE 28 MOBIL VHF/FM TRANSCEIVERS INCLUDED IN SUBJECT PIO/CN
THUS HELPING TO DEFRAY USG COSTS IN PROCURING EQUIPMENT FOR GOB
NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM.

2. HOWEVER, MAJOR HERY DELIVERED TO EMBASSY ON JULY 21 A NOTE SIGNED BY DPF DIRECTOR-GENERAL MOACYR COELHO WHICH READS, IN PART (UNOFFICIAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION): "THE FEDERAL POLICE MAY ACQUIRE IN BRAZIL, IN CASE IT BECOMES NECESSARY THE 28 MOBILE VHF/FM TRANSCIEVERS INTENDED AS PART OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM BEING DONATED BY THE OFFICE OF UNCLASSIFIED

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INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL, IN SUBSTITUTION FOR THE EQUIPMENT FURNISHED UNDER PIO-C-5-40335 OF 1974, WHOSE FREQUENCIES WERE DEACTIVATED BEGINNING IN 1975 BY DECISION OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS." NOTE FALLS SHORT OF BEING FORMAL LETTER OF COMMITMENT TO GUY THESE TRANSCEIVERS, AND IT IS POSSIBLE THE DPF WILL ULTIMATELY DECIDE FOR ECONOMY REASONS TO PURCHASE FEWER THEAN THE 28 SPECIFIED.

- 3. MAJOR HERY ALSO REQUESTED USG TO VERIFY EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS ON PENDING PIO/C'S--APPARENTLY IN ERROR ON DOS/AID AUTHORIZATION--AS FOLLOWS:

 (A) PIO/C 5-78151: VHF/FM BASE STATION REPEATERS (ITEM 2)
 AND BASE STATIONS (ITEM 4) DESIGNATED FOR RIO DE JANEIRO AND SAO PAULO SHOULD BE 110 VAC/60 HZ.

 (B) PIO/C 5-79155: SPEECH PLUS DATA TERMINAL (ITEM 1) DESIGNATED FOR BRASILIA SHOULD BE 220 VAC/60HZ; SINGEL CHANNEL DATA SUBSETS (ITEM 2) DESIGNATED FOR RIO, SAO PAULO, CAMPO GRANDE AND PORTO ALEGRE SHOULD BE 110 VAC/60HZ
- 4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE VERIFY CORRECT EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS AS SPECIFIED ABOVE AND RELEASE FOR SHIPMENT ALL COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT ON PENDING PIO/C'S, MINUS MOBILE TRANSCEIVERS WHICH ARE AVAILABLE FOR DPF PURCHASE IN BRAZIL. EMBASSY IS POUCHING DPF LETTER AND CORRECT EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATION TO DEPARTMENT. SAYRE

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